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Cleaning up the mess

Crews clean up oil on Saturday that washed ashore in Stanley Park between Siwash Rock and Third Beach. The Canadian Coast Guard is stuck defending its response to the accident, saying it has recovered all but half a litre of the fuel spilled into the Burrard Inlet. Story, page 4. COURTESY CITY OF VANCOUVER

HIT-AND-RUN

Reynolds not hurt by crash

Vancouver-born Hollywood superstar Ryan Reynolds was the victim of a hit-and-run at the Shangri-La Hotel on Friday, police confirmed Sunday.

Reynolds, who is in town to film the superhero movie Deadpool, was not injured in the incident in the swanky hotel's parking lot, Const. Brian Montague confirmed in an email.

Montague had not been updated on the investigation and did not know if police had confirmed who the driver is, where he is or whether he had spoken to police.

But the celebrity appears to have a sense of humour about the hit. In response to a CBC reporter's request for an interview, Reynolds tweeted: "Put Beachcombers back on the air and I'll call."

Reynolds made headlines during his trip, for literally stopping traffic on the Georgia viaduct. The city let crews shut down the road to film car scenes, complete with crashes and machine-gun fire. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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Capilano exams rescheduled

EDUCATION

Talks hit snag in dispute between faculty and university

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Global Stewardship student Kaschelle Thiessen joined faculty as they picketed at Capilano University in North Vancouver on April 8. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Final examinations for thousands of students were rescheduled Sunday, after administrators and faculty at Capilano University hit an impasse in labour talks.

The Capilano University Faculty Association (CFA), representing approximately 600 members, went on strike Wednesday after a series of escalating job actions failed to result in a new deal for faculty, which have been without a contract since March 2014.

Faculty and administrators agree on most fronts, including a 5.5 per cent wage increase over five years, but issues of democratic workplaces, support for non-regular faculty members and academic freedom remain outstanding, according to CFA president Brent Calvert.

The two sides appeared close to making a breakthrough on Saturday, but talks fell apart at the 11th hour over the method of mediation.

"We weren't able to come to an agreement on the process going forward," said university vice-president Dr. Richard Gale.

Gale said the North Shore university isn't willing to put "critical decisions" in the hands of a third party and rejected the CFA's call for legally binding arbitration.

As a result, the university announced on Sunday that the final exam period for students has been postponed and will begin later this week.

There were no definite plans to resume talks Sunday.

Calvert lamented the university's reluctance to agree to binding arbitration, especially after its prolonged absence at the bargaining table.

"We're willing to live with an arbitrator's decision," said Calvert. "But it's been frustrating. We told them in December we were ready to go."

It wasn't until February, when faculty ramped up job action (which included not submitted grades), that talks finally began, Calvert said.

> **We're willing to live with an arbitrator's decision.**
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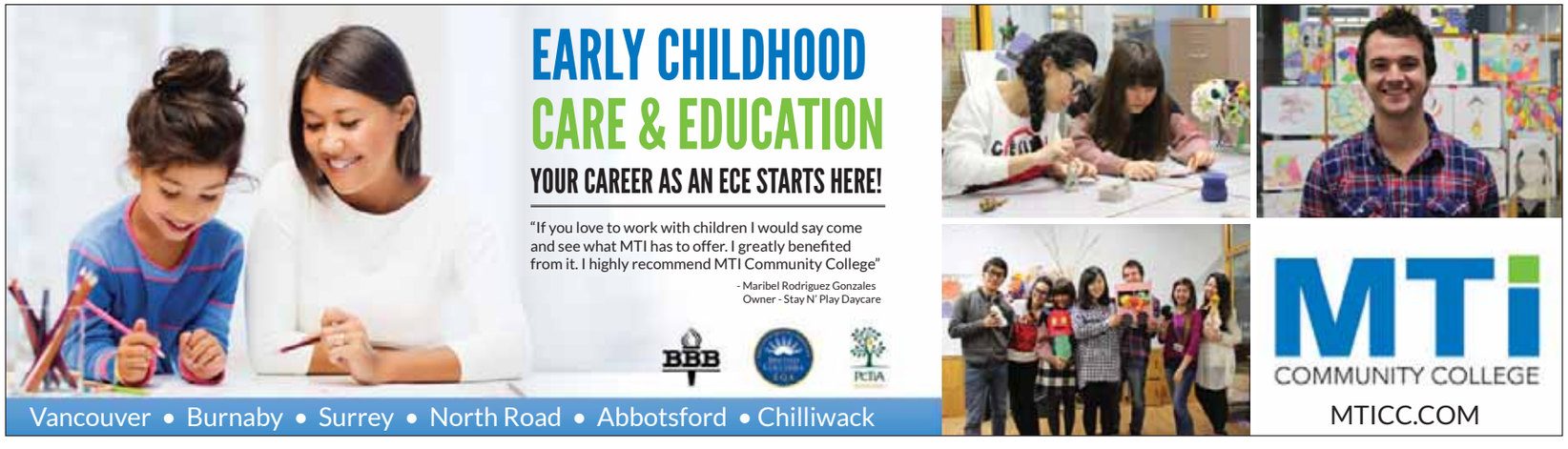
April 16

The new exam period will begin this Thursday, April 16, and conclude Friday, April 24.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Coast guard defends spill response

ENGLISH BAY

'Lion's share' of toxic fuel is cleaned up, official says

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Canadian Coast Guard is defending its response to the toxic bunker fuel spill in English Bay amid harsh criticism from politicians, claiming Sunday that only "half a litre" remains in the Burrard Inlet as crews worked to scrub the fuel from rocks and logs on beaches in Vancouver and on the North Shore.

Assistant Commissioner Roger Girouard told a news conference that, based on a Transport Canada flyover, the vast majority of the estimated 2,700-litre spill has been recovered, aside from any fuel that evaporated, washed ashore or sank to the seabed.

"We've captured the lion's share. I cannot say we captured it all; you never get it all," he said. It's still not known exactly how much fuel is missing from the MV Marathassa, making it impossible to calculate the actual percentage recovered.

The cleanup prompted Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, who originally called the response "inadequate," to take a more conciliatory tone on Sunday, complimenting the coast guard for its "great work" and "strong response" at an afternoon news conference.

"The mistakes and gaps happened early on and there's been a big improvement since then," Robertson said, adding five hours to respond with a boom seems unreasonable to Vancouverites who expect a spill so close to Stanley Park to be attended to in minutes.

"What changed was the crews really kicked into gear and recovered a lot of oil on the water and prevented it from getting to the beaches," he said.

Canadian Coast Guard Assistant Commissioner Roger Girouard explains details of the English Bay oil spill at a news conference on April 9. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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But Girouard admitted the communications at the outset of the emergency response were flawed due to a series of four or five human errors resulting in the City of Vancouver not learning about the spill for 13 hours.

The coast guard sent emails and made phone calls to a number of organizations, but the message or seriousness of the situation was either not passed along correctly or not understood, Girouard said.

The coast guard is already working to put better processes in place, Girouard said.

According to the mayor's office, Robertson met with the commissioner at the unified command centre on Saturday evening to discuss ways to improve communications.

Environment response crews are cleaning the oil from about a dozen birds found near Vanier Park. Girouard said there have been no confirmed cases of mammals being affected.

Scientists are also collecting baseline data to assess longer-term effects.

The coast guard will eventually investigate the water column and the sea floor, although the fuel's properties make it unlikely to sink to the bottom. But first it must clean the 10 to 15 centimetres of tar off the ship's hull and replace the approximately 400-metre boom around the ship with a clean one.

Girouard remained adamant that the closure of the Kitsilano coast guard station did not hinder the response. He said it would not have been called on for environmental response in this scenario and only had 100 metres of boom, contrary to statements from a former officer at the defunct base.

Mayor Robertson said after talking to the commissioner about the closure he still feels Vancouverites are concerned. More than 4,000 people have volunteered to help with the clean up, he said.

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Residents mixed on amalgamation

SURVEY

26% of poll respondents say current borders ideal

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Metro Vancouver residents appear to be as fractured as the region's governance model when it comes to amalgamation.

A poll conducted by Angus Reid, released Sunday, suggests that public opinion is scattered on whether the region's boundaries need to be redrawn.

Twenty-six per cent of respondents said they think the region's current make-up, in which 24 separate municipalities exist, is ideal.

Thirty-three per cent believe the region should be rolled into "two to five" municipal governments, 12 per cent believe "six to 15" is the ideal number and 15 per cent think "16 to 23" would suffice.

Just 14 per cent of residents want to see the region rolled into a single metro government, not unlike Halifax (which amalgamated in 1996), Toronto (1998) and Ottawa (2001).

As for governance, 41 per cent of respondents told Angus Reid they would keep the status quo of elected mayors and councillors at a local level, who are then appointed to represent their municipality on a regional level.

Thirty-one per cent would rather have a directly-elected regional board, while 28 per cent prefer combining some or all municipal governments together.

Public opinion is scattered on whether the region's boundaries need to be redrawn, poll finds. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ENVIRONMENT

Park board mulls water bottle ban

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

On the heels of a petition to get rid of bottled water in Vancouver, one local politician is proposing the city phase out the plastic bottles from park board facilities.

Green Party commissioner Michael Wiebe wants the park board to plan for a future without bottled water after its beverage contract with Coca Cola expires on Nov. 30, 2016, according to a motion to be voted on Monday night.

Wiebe suggests the park board instead focus on increasing water fountains and filling stations at beaches and parks in an attempt to meet one of the "greenest" city goals for zero waste.

His motion comes after an online petition to "take back the tap" attracted 7,200 signatures.

But it's not clear if Wiebe will get the necessary support from other political parties. City council voted in 2009 to ban bottled water from city events and eventually from park board facilities, but nothing ever came of it due to contract hurdles and the amount of revenue the park board gets from selling water.

In Nanaimo, a bottled water ban has sparked complaints from vendors and residents who say people without their own bottles are forced to purchase sugary drinks and pop.

IN BRIEF

B.C. aboriginals hope to represent residential school day students in lawsuit

Two First Nations in British Columbia are looking to take the federal government to court on behalf of all the former day students of the country's notorious residential school system.

The Tk'emlups te Secwepemc and Shishalh bands are asking permission from the federal court to launch a class-action suit representing aboriginal children who attended residential schools but returned to their families at night.

In 2008, the Canadian government formally apologized for the residential school system, but it did not provide compensation to the day students who attended the schools alongside residential students. The lawsuit alleges day students suffered the same loss of cultural connection and language as their residential counterparts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP investigates Surrey shooting involving moving vehicles

Surrey RCMP are searching for two vehicles involved in a Saturday evening shootout on the city's streets. According to witness account, a silver four-door sedan was travelling northbound on 128th Street, near 60th Avenue, when it pulled up to a small red car at 7:20 p.m.

Police say an occupant in the silver sedan then opened fire and shot at the red car.

Both vehicles were last seen heading northbound, though police have been unable to track down either vehicle.

RCMP patrolled the immediate area and investigators were able to recover shell casings on the road.

It's not known whether anyone was injured in the shooting. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

First Nations, governments agree process is too slow

Songhees First Nation dancer Devon Lepine performs the paddle welcome to Five Te'mexw member First Nations and guests before a signing ceremony at the Songhees Wellness Centre in Victoria on Thursday. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There is easy agreement between First Nations and the British Columbia and federal governments that treaty negotiations are languishing, expensive and fraught with obstacles, but all sides have completely different views on how to solve the trouble.

The agony and ecstasy of the maligned and saluted treaty process was on full display last week when hundreds of cheering people witnessed the signing of an agreement-in-principle on a southern Vancouver Island treaty after 20 years of talks.

Premier Christy Clark's Liberals refused to appoint former provincial cabinet minister George Abbott as the new chief of the B.C. Treaty Commission — the overseer of the federal, provincial and First Nations negotiation process — suggesting changes must be made.

Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt is digesting a report from federal envoy Doug Eyford that recommends Ottawa approach treaties with a sense of urgency and consider which talks are progressing and which should be dumped.

B.C.'s First Nations Summit, the province's largest aboriginal organization, wants Ottawa and B.C. treaty negotiators to come to the table with the power to make decisions rather than being forced to retreat to back rooms for approval of every move.

That convoluted plot line was evident at the signing ceremony Thursday when drums pounded, singers chanted and chiefs choked back tears as they honoured the commitment and sacrifice of leaders who spent years at negotiating tables.

Songhees First Nation Chief Ron Sam described himself as somewhat of a treaty-table rookie, devoting only six years to negotiations. Twenty years to reach a deal is too long, said Sam.

> **Get some real negotiators; get some real mandates. If we had that at the table, maybe we would have far more agreements.**
> Cheryl Casimer

"These are good faith negotiations, so I think there needs to be some recognition of everybody's role in the whole process and not have it bogged down in political aspects," he said.

First Nations Summit spokeswoman Cheryl Casimer said moves are underway to get the three sides to meet later this month. First Nations will tell the governments they need to pick up their pace if they want to speed up treaty settlements, she said.

"Get some real negotiators," said Casimer. "Get some real mandates. If we had that at the table we would have far more agreements in place than we have today."

Four treaties have resulted from the modern-day treaty process that was launched in 1993.

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Friends, foes await Modi visit

DIPLOMACY

Indian leader scheduled for three-day trip

Anticipation of an Indian prime minister's first visit to Canada in 42 years is building as fans and foes of Narendra Modi see him as either a rock star of economic development that could benefit both countries or a suppressor of minority rights.

Modi's three-day trip starting Tuesday is being billed by the Canadian Prime Minister's Office as an opportunity to broaden the trade relationship involving education, energy and science and technology.

Modi, who swept to power last May as leader of the Hindu nationalist party, will attend official meetings in Ottawa before giving a speech at Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto and then visiting both Sikh and Hindu temples in Vancouver and Surrey.

Balpreet Singh, spokesman for the World Sikh Organization of Canada, said the group is calling on Modi to address escalating attacks on minorities including Christians and Muslims in India.

The group also wants the two governments to address attempts to marginalize Canadian Sikhs as extremists and denial of visas for Sikhs in Canada.

Jatinder Singh Grewal of Sikhs For Justice said the group has asked Attorney General Peter MacKay to start legal proceedings against Modi, who was a chief minister in the Indian state of Gujarat in 2002, when minorities including Sikhs and Muslims were killed in riots.

"People of that calibre do not have the right to enter the free world," Grewal said, noting the United States denied Modi a visa in 2005 for his alleged role in the riots though he was later cleared by a court and invited to the U.S. last fall.

During a rousing speech at Madison Square Garden in New York last year, Modi was hailed as a hero whose policies could jump-start the economy of the world's largest democracy while benefiting international partners.

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Indian Prime Minister Narenda Modi, right, talks with Airbus CEO Fabrice Bregier as they visit the Airbus A380 Final Assembly Lane, in Blagnac Southern France, Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHATHAM, ONT.

Police defuse alleged bomb plot

Police in southwestern Ontario say they've arrested a man who allegedly threatened to blow up the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

Chatham-Kent police say they were contacted by the RCMP on Friday to follow up on a threat allegedly made by a man in Chatham, Ont.

They say the man made a phone call to the Library of Parliament and said he wanted to blow up Parliament as part of a "revolution."

Police say they arrested a 49-year-old man without incident on Friday afternoon.

The man is currently in custody and is facing one count of hoax — terrorist activity and one count of uttering threats.

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ENGLAND

Wife of 45 years asked to prove love

A Canadian woman hoping to spend her retirement years with her husband in England is on the verge of being kicked out of the country because officials are questioning the affection level in her 45-year marriage.

Maria Summers had her application for a visa formally declined in 2014 on the grounds that she and her husband David had not provided enough evidence to prove that their relationship was both ongoing and emotionally supportive.

The retired optician has appealed the unusual decision and says the stakes are high if it's declined.

The couple faces the prospect of selling their home in Hereford, England, consigning David's cancer-stricken mother to long-term care and relinquishing their long-held retirement plans if the U.K. border agency doesn't reverse its decision.

The ruling left the couple in the unusual position of trying to prove the strength of their emotional bond, Summers said, adding the paperwork for her appeal includes numerous photographs chronicling their decades as both partners and parents to a now 42-year-old son.

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David Summers and his wife, Maria, in a family photo.
COURTESY DAVID SUMMERS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks on as Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto speaks with Cuban President Raul Castro during the official leaders photo at the Summit of the Americas in Panama City on Saturday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper to reveal emissions targets

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

PM to release long-awaited carbon goals before G7

Stephen Harper says Canada will unveil its targets for greenhouse-gas emissions before the G7 meetings in June.

Harper's remarks Saturday came after his government missed the March 31 target date for countries to submit emissions-reduction pledges ahead of December's United Nations climate summit in Paris.

Speaking to reporters at the Summit of the Americas in Panama, the prime minister said Ottawa wanted to give the provinces a chance to have their own conference to discuss their emission targets.

The provinces are to meet in Quebec City on Tuesday.

Harper said the federal government would like to see the outcome of provincial talks before it releases its targets.

"Obviously we will be moving forward with our partners, not just in announcing targets but, as we've done in the past, continuing to support international climate-change financing," Harper said in Panama City, where he participated in the Summit of the Americas.

Harper said Canada will continue to support international climate-change financing.

The prime minister also discussed climate change Saturday with Barack Obama, but he said the U.S. president did not ask him for a commitment on emissions.

"I think he knows, as everyone knows, that the government of Canada will, like all governments, announce its commitments, its particular targets prior to the Paris summit," Harper said.

The U.S. recently made a formal pledge to cut greenhouse-gas emissions by up to 28 per cent over the next decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Middle class to be the focus for Clinton in 2016

U.S. POLITICS

Former first lady could be first woman in the Oval Office

Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics on Sunday, as a top adviser announced her much-awaited second campaign for the White House.

John Podesta, a top adviser to Clinton, told alumni of her first presidential campaign in an email: "It's official: Hillary's running for president."

If elected, Clinton would become the first woman to serve in the Oval Office.

Clinton enters the race in a strong position to succeed her rival from the 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama.

Her message will focus on strengthening economic security for the middle class and expanding opportunities for working families.

The campaign is portraying her as a "tenacious fighter" who can get results and work with Congress, business and world leaders.

Hillary Rodham Clinton announcing her candidacy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton's strategy, described ahead of the announcement by two senior advisers who requested anonymity to discuss her plans, has parallels to the approach Obama took in 2012. He framed his re-election as a choice between Democrats focused on the middle class and Republicans who sought to protect the wealthy and return to policies that led the country into recession.

Clinton will face pressure from the progressive wing of her party to adopt a more populist economic message focused on income inequality. Some liberals remain skeptical of her close ties to Wall Street donors and the centrist economic policies of her husband.

The former secretary of state is the first Democrat to get into the race, but there are some lower-profile Democrats considering challenging her.

Potential challengers include former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb and former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee.

The party's nominee will have to overcome history to win election. In the last half-century, the same party has held the White House for three consecutive terms only once, during the administrations of Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

The 2016 campaign is likely to be the most expensive in history, with total spending on both sides expected to well exceed the $1 billion spent four years ago.

This weekend, Clinton campaign fundraisers escalated their outreach to Democratic donors, who largely back her bid, with a flurry of phone calls urging them to donate as soon as possible.

Clinton's formal entrance into the race also triggered the start of more aggressive fundraising by Democratic outside "Super PAC" groups, like Priorities USA Action, who have been reorganized to promote her campaign. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAQ

ISIL destroying ancient ruins: Video

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants hammered, bulldozed and ultimately blew up parts of the ancient Iraqi Assyrian city of Nimrud, destroying a site dating back to the 13th century B.C., an online militant video purportedly shows.

The destruction at Nimrud, located near the militant-held city of Mosul, came amid other attacks on antiquity carried out by the group now holding a third of Iraq and neighbouring Syria in its self-declared caliphate. The attacks have horrified archaeologists and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who last month called the destruction at Nimrud "a war crime."

The seven-minute video, posted late Saturday, shows bearded militants using sledgehammers, jackhammers and saws to take down huge alabaster reliefs depicting Assyrian kings and deities. A bulldozer brings down walls, while militants fill barrels with explosives and later destroy three separate areas of the site in massive explosions.

"God has honoured us in the Islamic State to remove all of these idols and statues worshipped instead of Allah in the past days," one militant says in the video. Another militant vows that "whenever we seize a piece of land, we will remove signs of idolatry and spread monotheism."

The militants have been destroying ancient relics they say promote idolatry that violate their fundamentalist interpretation of Islamic law, including the ancient Iraqi city of Hatra. Authorities also believe they've sold others on the black market to fund their atrocities.

The Assyrians first rose around 2,500 B.C. and at one point ruled over a realm stretching from the Mediterranean coast to what is present-day Iran. They left dozens of palaces and temples decorated with huge reliefs mainly depicting their kings' military campaigns and conquests, hunting lions and making sacrifices to the gods.

Their main hallmark was the colossal winged man-headed lions or bulls, protective deities put at the entrances of palaces and temples, weighing about 10-30 tons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Video shows a man taking a sledgehammer to an ancient Assyrian relief at Nimrud. SCREENGRAB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gold mine ramping up security after heist

MEXICO

Gunmen steal $8.5 million from Canadian operation

The chief executive of McEwen Mining is beefing up security at the Canadian company's mine refinery in Mexico to make it as "impenetrable" as Fort Knox after a band of masked gunmen made off with $8.5 million in gold.

"Everybody's a bit rattled by this," said Rob McEwen, recalling the early-morning heist at the company's El Gallo 1 mine on Tuesday.

Three of the mine's security staff were driving to work in two separate cars when they were pulled over a short distance from the refinery by a crew of eight heavily armed robbers, McEwen said.

The gunmen bound and blindfolded the workers, taking their keys, identification, cellphones and cash.

"Somehow they knew who they were and had staked out an area and waited for them," said McEwen.

The robbers loaded the workers into a car and drove to the mine, where they entered through a back gate.

They apprehended several more people in order to get access to all of the keys needed to get through the security gates and armoured doors at the site.

"Everybody they captured was bound and blindfolded," said McEwen.

McEwen said the robbers had a good sense of the refinery's layout, as well as exactly which individuals had the keys that would allow them to get through certain gates.

Gerard Vargas Landeros, the interior minister of Mexico's western Sinaloa state, where the facility is located, said the heist was most likely an inside job by either current or former employees.

The burglars loaded small parcels of gold concentrate — black powder that is melted in a furnace and made into partially refined gold bars — onto the back of a heavy-duty pickup truck and drove away, McEwen said. In total, they made off with 900 kilograms of concentrate, containing roughly 7,000 ounces of gold.

McEwen noted that the heist cast a shadow over what's otherwise been a good year for the facility. "Grades were up sharply, production was up, and then this happens."

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PAPER PRODUCTS

Separating chaff from wheat yields profit

A company plans to roll out a new line of tissues and paper towels this month that incorporates wheat straw and bamboo, which it hopes will give farmers a new market for what remains after the grain is harvested.

Kimberly-Clark Professional, which manufactures Kleenex and Scott brand products, says its new GreenHarvest line will blend in 20 per cent wheat straw, which it hopes will ease demand for the tree fibre and recycled paper it already uses.

Kimberly-Clark test marketed its prototype products in Canada, Indiana and California before deciding on a full-scale rollout this year. The products will not be sold at retail stores, but will be offered directly to commercial customers such as sports venues and higher education institutions.

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Kimberly-Clark is unveiling a new line of tissues and towels that incorporates wheat straw and bamboo, a move the paper-products maker hopes will provide a rapidly renewable source of fibre and give farmers a new market for the plant residue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

IN BRIEF

Clorox says sorry for tweet about new emoji collection

Clorox has apologized for a social media misstep after the maker of Clorox bleach and other household products sparked outrage by tweeting "where's the bleach" in reference to last week's introduction of new "emoji" cartoons for iPhones that include several faces of people with black and brown skin. Clorox says it was attempting a humorous reference to other emoji symbols for objects like toilets and bathtubs.

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Police pay hackers ransom to get their records back

Some Maine police agencies say they have had no other choice than to pay a ransom to computer hackers to get their police records back. Computers at the Lincoln County sheriff's office were infiltrated by a virus called ransomware. They paid a ransom of about $300 US to the creator of the virus to get the files back. The Houlton Police Department computers also were held hostage and ended up paying a ransom.

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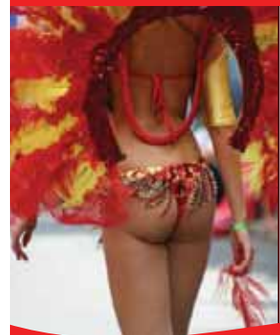

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If you own, lease or otherwise occupy private property containing a gas burning fireplace, fireplace insert or heating stove from one of the Settling Defendants identified below, your legal rights could be affected.

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NOTICE* OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF A CLASS ACTION INVOLVING CERTAIN GAS BURNING FIREPLACES, FIREPLACE INSERTS AND STOVES

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CERTIFICATION
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WHAT IS THE LAWSUIT?
It is an action concerning the risk of burns from contacting the hot glass fronts of some gas burning fireplaces.

WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT?
Under a proposed settlement, the Settling Defendants have agreed to provide, free of charge, barrier screens or screen kits for certain of their Fireplaces to reduce the burn risk.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?
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Opt in requests MUST BE SUBMITTED within one year of notice that the Court has approved the settlement. If your request is not received in time it will not be considered valid.

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The settlement must be approved by the Court before it can become effective. An application to approve the settlement will be heard by the Court at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia at 10:00 a.m. on May 19, 2015. If you fit the above description you are entitled to appear and make submissions at the settlement approval hearing. If you wish to comment on or make an objection to the settlement, a written submission must be delivered to Class Counsel at the address listed below, postmarked no later than May 5, 2015. If you do not do so, you may not be entitled to participate in the settlement approval hearing.

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MYMETRO

Jazmine Khan's Metro

Trans rights activist Jazmine Khan holds up a copy of the Mar. 27th Metro that features her on the front page. Khan was interviewed about being the face of the Vancouver Park Board's new trans-inclusive campaign that aims to promote the rights of trans and gender variant people at community centres.

Metro is now on Instagram. Follow us at metronewsca and post pictures of yourself reading your Metro with the hashtag #MyMetro and we'll repost. We'll feature a reader pic in this spot every Monday.

Shipping-container building proposal just doesn't float

CITY HOLLER
Trish Kelly

Only a year after the city passed the epic Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan, some in Strathcona feel the plan is already being left behind. What has neighbourhood groups concerned is a draft proposal by Atira Women's Resource Society to build a 26 unit social housing project out of recycled shipping containers on Hastings and Hawks Avenue.

In March, city planners met with neighbourhood groups including the Strathcona Residents Association, the local BIA and the Ukrainian Cultural Centre. City planners showed architectural drawings and a scale model that looked pretty set.

Community groups expressed concern with the proposal, the first new development they are seeing make its way through since the plan was passed; it's taller than it should be, it isn't focused on family housing, and the building contributes no green space — key gaps recognized in the plan.

If it is a done deal, the neighborhood groups which gave over a year of their time to help create the area plan have a right to be mad. If it isn't a done deal, why did the planning department bring this ill-fitting proposal to public consultation? Why didn't they ask Atira to come back with something that better fits the area plan? Isn't the city using the plan to guide developers and vet proposals? Otherwise, what was the point of all that work?

The neighbourhood is hurting for housing, it's true. But the neighbourhood has many needs, and a new social housing building that provides microsuites for only 20 single women and six small families isn't addressing them.

We have a limited land base in Vancouver. We need to plan dynamically, addressing as many community needs we can with each development.

The neighbourhood needs healthy food retail. If you walk east along Hastings from Woodwards, you won't encounter a grocery store until you're past Clark Drive.

That's a 15-20 minute walk with heavy grocery bags in either direction. The CEO of Altira told CBC that it is considering a retail component, so hopefully this option is considered.

The neighbourhood needs more green space. Strathcona park space is so well utilized you can call it crowded and sometimes volatile. Atira's proposal adds no public space and will actually replace a community garden.

The neighbourhood needs parking. Atira's proposal includes zero parking spots, noting the women to be housed are unlikely to have cars; it's expected they will be car-free out of poverty.

Is that really how we plan neighbourhoods, with the assumption that those too poor to drive will stay too poor? That they will never be lucky enough to get a job that allows them to rent a Car2Go or have family come visit?

The proposal doesn't seem done.

The community needs the proposal to honour the plan, and the women and kids it will house need it to imagine them thriving.

Trish Kelly lives and writes in East Vancouver. Follow her @trishkellyc

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

Anti-GMO movement needs more than Goodall to take it mainstream

I wouldn't have gone if Jane Goodall hadn't been there.

In a small conference room in a Toronto hotel, Friday's event might have been one of her least attended.

It had little to do with chimps. Instead, Goodall came to lend her trusted status to a new book railing against genetically modified organisms in our food system.

It's a call that sounds as outdated as anti-war songs.

When even innovation seems like a dated word, there's a sense that modifying things, for better or worse, is just what we do. Take the three-parent babies now legal in the U.K., or cloud-seeding efforts to change the weather. It's been 20 years since GMO products first came to Canada, and our stores are full of them.

So I wanted to know if this icon could be a voice to popularize an old debate. I wanted to know if Goodall could make me care more about GMOs.

Author Steven Druker's book, Altered Genes, Twisted Truth, argues governments, scientists, industry and the media have been complicit in allowing GMO foods into our homes, without proof that they are safe. Health Canada says there is no evidence GMO foods are not safe. And Druker is being ignored.

Only two media outlets showed up to the event, a sign that editors don't think Canadians care. While one poll showed 66 per cent of people in B.C. and 55 per cent in Alberta worry about modified food, few knew which products were GMO. Health Canada has refused to impose labelling, and I don't see mass rallies in the streets.

That's where Goodall could help. A powerhouse environmental brand in a petite frame, Goodall wrote the introduction to the book. She talked of animal studies showing damage to kidneys and livers after eating GMO foods, of scientists pilloried for their studies. Sometimes she lost track of what she was saying, then came around to her point again: GMO equals bad.

But her voice fell on a sparse crowd. The other speakers were longtime GMO activists who sounded at times frustrated, demanding a wider audience for their old worries.

I asked Goodall afterwards if she might be worried that instead of boosting the credibility of the anti-GMO movement, the movement might instead undermine her own.

"No," she said, "Because I've got the facts."

I admire her convictions, but I'm not sure Goodall will be the one to bring the message to the masses.

On stage, she fit all too well into the established GMO debate. It's been going on for a long time. And it will take someone or something more surprising than Goodall to make it new.

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5 THINGS WE MISS ABOUT THE TELEPHONE CALL

Way back in the day, Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone. For more than 100 years people would ring each other up to chat. Then along came the smartphone, and now we communicate via text, Snapchat, Instragram posts and Facebook comments. Here are 5 things Metro misses about a simpler time.

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1 Giving us the heebie-jeebies

When Drew Barrymore leaves the Jiffy Pop on the stove to answer the ringing phone in the 1996 horror flick Scream, you know it's not going to end well. Scary movies long used ringing phones as a way to build suspense. Having the bad guy furiously typing mean texts to the heroine just wouldn't have the same dramatic impact.

2 Leave a message and I'll call you back

Phones have inspired many great tunes over the years. The song 867-5309/Jenny by Tommy Tutone, released in late 1981, drove a generation of teens to call the number and ask for Jenny. Other amazing songs inspired by the landline: Hello by Lionel Richie and Spiderwebs by No Doubt. There's no doubt Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe does not hold a candle to these classic songs about phone calls.

3 Your refrigerator is running...

Calling your classmates or complete strangers to ask "Is your refrigerator running?" used to be a rite of passage. You'd then tell them "Well, you better go catch it!," hang up, and roll around on the floor laughing with friends.

Bart on The Simpsons popularized the pastime with his many calls to Moe the Bartender. In retrospect, many of those pranks weren't really that funny, but nothing gave kids a quick thrill quite like a prank call.

4 Girl talk

Once upon a time having more than one phone line was every teen's dream. Multiple lines could be used for evil. In the 2004 comedy Mean Girls, featuring a fresh-faced Lindsay Lohan, the three-way call was used as a way to pick on each other. But, multiple lines could also be used for good, like when LiLo uses the tool to get back at the awful Regina George.

5 The mating game

In the 1984 movie Sixteen Candles, Molly Ringwald's grandparents fail to pick up a call from her crush until it's too late. She gets her fairy-tale ending, anyway. Back in the '80s, if a boy or girl liked you they were expected to woo you by working up the courage to call, then hold a meaningful conversation. In 2015, you're more likely to get a generic text that he's sent to five other girls reading: "SuP.Free?"

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Julia Louis-Dreyfus plays Selina Meyer on the hit show Veep. COURTESY HBO CANADA

A terrible presidential candidate has returned

HBO'S VEEP

Selina Meyer is not very good at her job, but that shouldn't affect the U.S. election

Julia Louis-Dreyfus sits opposite you in a skyscraper office with a view of the Empire State Building on one of those bright spring mornings when even Manhattan looks clean.

She radiates confidence from those sparkling eyes that television fans have been watching for 33 years now and willingly explains her secret.

"At the end of the day, life is short and you have to enjoy what you're doing. I do."

Her hit series, Veep, started its fourth season Sunday night on HBO Canada. Before that, of course, she made her mark on Saturday Night Live, Seinfeld and The New Adventures of Old Christine, a career that's left her with an impressive 18 Emmy nominations and five wins.

She's currently playing Selina Meyer, a vice-president of stupefying ineptitude, who was suddenly elevated to the most powerful elected office in the world at the end of last season.

What makes this season particularly interesting is that, as the 2016 U.S. presidential race starts gearing up, a woman is running for president.

"I'm thrilled by the synchronicity of it all," says Louis-Dreyfus, even though she's the first to admit that Selina Meyer "is possibly the worst presidential candidate ever."

"She's a terrible person, she's a terrible leader, she's unkind to the people who work for her. She's a terrible mother and yet, and yet, I love her. Yeah, I love playing her, but I wouldn't vote for her."

And she isn't the slightest bit worried that people might use Selina as a machete to chop away at the possible viability of a female president.

"I believe people are smarter than that. I'm just trying to be funny. I'm not making a comment on female politicians. I'm playing a funny character. Period." RICHARD OUZOUNIAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SEINFELD

The origins and evolution of Elaine Benes

In the process of shooting Seinfeld's first pilot, the creators decided the show needed a female character for its dysfunctional men to spark off of. And Larry David recalled Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who became Elaine Benes.

As an integral part of one of the most successful TV series in history, she sheepishly admits today she didn't think it would be a success. "I thought it would be a cool show. To be honest with you, I thought it was too cool. I didn't think it could survive. I thought people would be too stupid to catch on to it," she says. "I was wrong."

She jokingly refers to her character's evolution over the years. "Elaine went from angry to angrier to angriest. A nice arc. But, seriously, I'm happy to be remembered for anything from Seinfeld."

Even Elaine's notorious inability to dance?

"Okay, sometimes the dance thing is a little bit cringey, because when I go to a wedding or a party I feel eyes on me because they're waiting for me to dance badly ... and I don't. I dance very well."

So here she sits, showered with accolades from the press and public, enjoying her third hit series (let's not forget The New Adventures of Old Christine, which enjoyed a five-season run). Is it really all that golden for her?

"Smoke and mirrors," she laughs. "It's not that I'm a miserable drug addict behind the scenes.

"But it's like Veep. It's all about presenting a brand and putting yourself out there in a certain light." RICHARD OUZOUNIAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SLUGLINE

How to fight an aural assault when you're on public transit

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone

Dear Ellen,
I am not a Taylor Swift fan, but I find I can hum along to Blank Space thanks to people listening to it at full volume through their headphones on the bus every day. How do I politely ask people to turn it down?
—Darren in Winnipeg

I feel your pain. Next to nose and mouth leakage (i.e., coughing and sneezing), headphone leakage is one of the most annoying habits on public transit.

You could politely initiate a discussion ("I can hear you're listening to Blank Space, but I'd like to talk to you about a little something called personal space"), but it's always dicey trying to school strangers in proper etiquette, let alone in a confined space on a bus in Winnipeg in April where everybody's coat smells funny after a long winter that you just know ain't over yet.

Note also that you're dealing with a Taylor Swift fan, a particularly rabid breed, who, if they're anything like Ms. Swift herself, will react with violent emotion.

At best, you'll undergo a sound tweeting when they pull out their device and complain about your complaint.

At worst, your complaint will come to Ms. Swift's attention and — given her propensity to write defensive counterattacks masquerading as light-hearted pop — you'll soon find yourself on the bus listening to a song about haters in The Peg:

Got a long list of non-fans
They'll tell you I'm insane
But I know what bus you're on, baby
And I'll find out your name.

But let's not pick on Ms. Swift here, who donates large sums to such causes as child literacy and anti-LGBT discrimination, and who is not the selfish, oblivious oaf on your bus bleeding sappy music into your headspace.

For this situation, my advice is: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. You now know the song, so sing along! Don't worry about getting the lyrics right!

Try: *New money, student tie,* and, *Got a lonely Starbucks lovers* and, *Cause we're young and we're legless.*

Or sing along to your own music — say, E.T. by Katy Perry with extra emphasis on Kanye's intro:

I got a dirty mind
I got filthy ways
I'm tryna bathe my ape
In your milky way.

As a last resort, use this column. And no, I don't mean roll up the newspaper and whack the oafs. I mean read it aloud, to your own inner music.

Here are some lyrics for you:

I can hear your headphones, baby.
And it's driving me insane
Gonna share my own tones, baby, for as long as we ride this train.

(Yes, I know you're on a bus, Darren, it's metaphorical! Just go with it, OK?)

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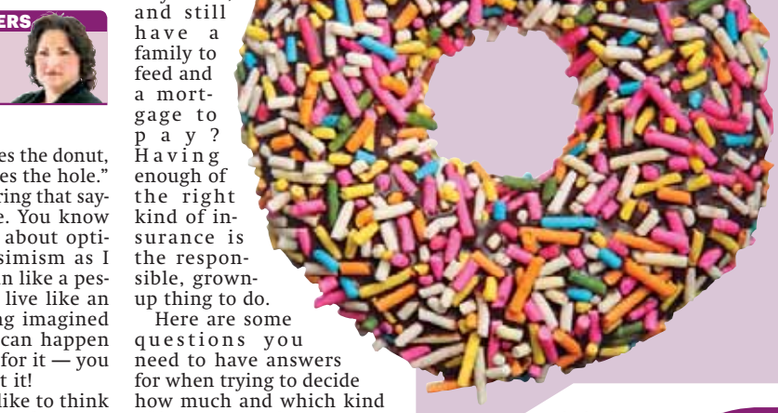

"The optimist sees the donut, the pessimist sees the hole."

I grew up hearing that saying all the time. You know what I learned about optimism and pessimism as I grew? If you plan like a pessimist, you can live like an optimist. Having imagined the worst that can happen — and planned for it — you can forget about it!

People don't like to think about the crap that can blow out of the west with no notice. Houses burn down. People get sick. Loved ones die. You can stick your head in the sand and repeat, "Bad things don't happen to good people," over and over, but it won't make it true.

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Just imagine how you'll live if you get sick, can't work a full week anymore, and still have a family to feed and a mortgage to pay? Having enough of the right kind of insurance is the responsible, grown-up thing to do.

Here are some questions you need to have answers for when trying to decide how much and which kind of insurance to buy:

What do you want your life insurance to do for you?
- Pay for your funeral?
- Pay off your outstanding mortgage balance or other debts?
- Offset the loss of your income? For how long?
- Fund your kids' education?

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How long will you need insurance?
- When will your mortgage or other debts be paid off? The amortization period of your mortgage will often determine how long your term life insurance policy should be.
- When will your family no longer be dependent on your income? No dependents may mean way less insurance.
- When will your children be finished school? One day they'll finish their education and having enough coverage to pay their educational expenses won't be necessary.
- When are you planning to retire? You will have less income to replace at that time.

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Under 35

The cheapest insurance you'll get is when you're young, healthy and don't need it. Buying life insurance when you're 35 or 40 is expensive and narrows down your options. Buying disability insurance after you're 35 is almost impossible: You'll have picked up some physical disqualifiers and your premiums will be astronomical.

Okay, that's the insurance stuff. Now on to the pessimist's estate plan.

Did you know that more than half of Canadians don't have a will. Really? You're never going to die? Or is it that God is holding YOU by your pompom? Grow up. Without a will, you have no say on who gets your money. Without a will, you can't plan to minimize your taxes. Without a will, you're leaving your family in the lurch. And without legally executed powers of attorney, you won't have anyone who can speak on your behalf if you didn't have the good luck to die.

Many people see estate planning — making a will and powers of attorney — as a rich folks' activity. With all that money to divide and all those squabbling heirs to quiet, a plan is a must-have. Yes, rich people do pay a lot of attention to how their affairs will be handled when they can't do the bossing around any more. And if you want to take a page from their book, you might want to look at what could happen if you don't pay attention.

Do you need a lawyer? Yes. Yes. Yes. I know there are will kits available. I know they are cheap. But you know what they say: You gets whats you pays for. Estate planning is full of complicated and opaque language so if you don't have an expert who specializes in legal gobbledegook, you may not get what you need.

If you're still hesitating about creating an estate plan because you don't want to spend the money, know that whatever you think you're saving today you'll more than make up for in taxes and fees later on.

A good estate plan will distribute your assets tax-efficiently, while minimizing fees. It takes some thinking. It can be a little unnerving. But it'll also make it easier on those you leave behind. So do it!

ONLINE

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TECHNOLOGY

Domain .sucks stirs up controversy

The new Internet domain .sucks has stirred up a firestorm over free online speech and the potential for extortion against companies and individuals.

The company operating this new domain claims it is "designed to help consumers find their voices," and its promotional video goes as far as to appropriate clips from a Martin Luther King Jr. speech. "The word sucks is now a protest tool, and it's up to people to give it more meaning," says U.S. consumer advocate Ralph Nader in the video.

But critics see it as a shakedown scheme designed to force companies and individuals to fork over cash to keep an unfavourable or offensive website offline.

So far, purchased names include Youtube.sucks, Bing.sucks, Visa.sucks, Bankofamerica.sucks, Yahoo.sucks, Telusmobility.sucks and other major brand names.

What has fuelled concerns is that the domain registrar, a Canadian-based company called Vox Populi, is charging $2,500 for the website names — far more than a typical website registration of $10 to $25 — before the names are opened to the public on June 1.

The Intellectual Property Constituency, an advisory group to the global Internet domain regulator, complained last month that the "exorbitant sums" are effectively a "shakedown scheme" to get money from companies and others.

After the June 1 deadline, online trolls or "cybersquatters" could buy up the names and then extort even higher prices, according to the group that includes film, software and music industry associations and other trademark organizations.

The group last month urged the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), which manages the domain system, to stop the .sucks domain before it goes live.

But ICANN says it lacks the authority to look into questions of pricing or other abuses and that it does not interfere with online free speech.

"We do not get into the content or the business model or the pricing of a registry," said Akram Atallah, who heads ICANN's global domains division.

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The Canadian company operating the .sucks domain claims it's empowering consumers but businesses disagree. SCREENSHOT

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The NHL will hold the Connor McDavid draft lottery Saturday night

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Miller rusty in his return

CANUCKS

Veteran goalie got his first taste of action in seven weeks

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Ryan Miller's first start in almost seven weeks went from a potential pressure situation to an evening of working out the kinks in his game from so much time missed due to injury.

It was a meaningless game in the standings. The Canucks had home-ice advantage in the opening round of the playoffs locked up before they even came out of the tunnel for pre-game warm-ups on Saturday.

For Miller, who suffered a knee sprain on Feb. 22 and hadn't started since, it was the last opportunity he had to get into game action before the playoffs begin.

He admitted afterward there was rust in his play, but he also felt he got better as the game progressed. He ended up making 23 saves and the Canucks came back for a 6-5 overtime win.

Miller didn't get the stingiest defensive play in front of him, but he was also critical of his own positioning.

"I think I was kind of in motion on a few of the goals. Didn't put myself in a good spot, obviously, and made some holes," said Miller. "Moved too far to the centre of the net on two different shots. It's a little bit — it's not a lazy habit.

"But it's kind of like, 'Well, I got here, maybe I can just drop and make the save.' I've got to hold my position and make that read and track the puck a little bit better. That's the stuff that's been coming back over the last week or so."

Based on what transpired from the end of February through the end of the season, Eddie Lack looks like a sure bet to start Game 1 of the series. He's been in the zone for almost two months. Miller is still trying to get comfortable again with his game.

"My goal was to get back, get some kind of playing time, get myself into position where I could be an option and be effective if I'm called upon," said Miller.

The Oilers' Benoit Pouliot scores past Canucks goaltender Ryan Miller on Saturday night at Rogers Arena. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

ROSTER MOVE

Winger Baertschi reassigned to Utica

After scoring two goals for the Canucks in their regular-season finale, forward Sven Baertschi was reassigned to the American Hockey League Utica Comets on Sunday.

The Canucks traded a second-round pick to the Calgary Flames for the 22-year-old Baertschi at the trade deadline.

The Canucks return to practice on Monday.

WHITECAPS

Red card costs Morales a game

The Vancouver Whitecaps will be without their catalyst in the midfield and team captain Pedro Morales for their next regular-season match.

Morales was given a straight red card late in the second half of Saturday's 1-0 loss to the San Jose Earthquakes, and automatically receives a one-game ban for his transgression.

San Jose forward Adam Jahn was also given a red card during the altercation between him and Morales in the 88th minute.

It was a frustrating end to a disappointing effort from the Whitecaps, who were playing in their third match in seven days and had their five-game point streak snapped.

The Vancouver side failed to register a single shot on target, and had only five shot attempts in total.

Sanna Nyassi scored the lone San Jose goal in the 75th minute.

"Not a very good match to be fair. We didn't play well. I don't think we deserve anything from the game," head coach Carl Robinson told reporters.

"We didn't get a shot on target. You don't get a shot on target, you don't get to score goals. So, we'll analyze our performance — my team's performance — because third game in a week is always going to be difficult."

The Whitecaps are on the road against Real Salt Lake next Saturday.

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MLB

M's in Cruz control with 10th-inning homer

Rickie Weeks stayed ready on the bench and Nelson Cruz kept his power stroke going.

The Seattle Mariners left Oakland with a pair of extra-inning wins and showed off some nice pop from their slugging newcomers in the process. On a rare off day by ace Felix Hernandez against the Athletics nonetheless. On a day they were no-hit through five.

Cruz connected for the second straight game, hitting a tiebreaking solo drive in the 10th inning, and Weeks had an earlier pinch-hit, three-run homer that helped send Seattle past the A's 8-7 on Sunday.

SUNDAY In Oakland

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MARINERS	ATHLETICS

"On several different accounts today we probably should have lost that game," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "It's the type of game where it's easy to lay down and say, 'OK, we'll get them tomorrow."'

Hernandez left after five innings as a precaution because of tightness in his right quadriceps. He felt that in the third inning after tweaking his left ankle in the first.

He said he "100 per cent" will make his next start and has no concerns.

"No I'm not, not at all," he said. "I believe in these guys. This offence is pretty good. I know it's going to click. It's a different look. We're a different team. We can score different ways. We can score with a homer, we can score with speed. We look pretty good."

Seattle took a 7-3 lead into the ninth before Oakland rallied to tie it against closer Fernando Rodney.

Cruz connected off new A's closer Tyler Clippard (0-1) for his second homer this season.

The Mariners were held hitless by Jesse Hahn until Dustin Ackley doubled off the right-field wall to begin the sixth.

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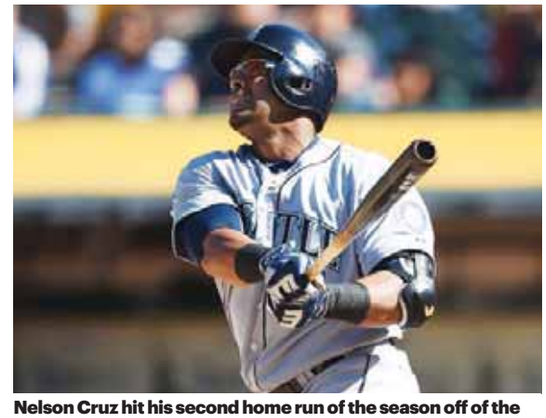

Nelson Cruz hit his second home run of the season off of the Athletics' Tyler Clippard. THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY IMAGES

Bubba Watson helps Jordan Spieth into the green jacket, after Spieth won the Masters on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.
ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

Spieth has first and last word at Masters

GOLF

Texan realizes his 'ultimate goal' at age 21

Jordan Spieth got more than redemption and a green jacket Sunday. He took his place among the best in the game with a Masters victory for the ages.

One year after Spieth lost a bid to become the youngest Masters champion, the 21-year-old Texan turned in one of the most dominant wins ever at Augusta National. He never let anyone get closer to him than three shots after his record start. He never gave anyone much hope on Sunday.

Spieth closed with a 2-under 70, missing a five-foot par putt on the final hole that would have set yet another record. Instead, he tied the score set by Tiger Woods in 1997 at 18-under 270.

"This was the ultimate goal in my golf life," Spieth said.

For all the talk about the Grand Slam bid by Rory McIlroy and the return of Woods, this week was about the arrival of another star.

"It's awfully impressive," McIlroy said after finishing fourth. "It's nice to get your major tally up and running at an early stage in your career. It's great to see, great for the game, and I'm sure there will be many more."

Spieth became the first wire-to-wire winner at the Masters since Raymond Floyd in 1976, and this might have been even more special. Craig Woods in 1941 is the only other Masters champion who led by at least three shots from the opening round to the trophy presentation.

Phil Mickelson tried to make a run. So did Justin Rose. Neither got closer than three shots at any point, and it wasn't long before Spieth was making another birdie putt to take the drama out of the back nine.

Mickelson (69) and Rose (70) tied for second. It was the 10th time Mickelson has been runner-up in a major.

Spieth won for the third time on the PGA Tour and fifth time worldwide. He will rise to No. 2 in the world rankings, still a ways to go to catch McIlroy at the top. When McIlroy won back-to-back majors last year to establish himself as the game's best player, the quest was to find a rival.

Spieth provided the answer on perhaps the biggest stage in the sport.

"I thought today might be easier having played with the lead on Saturday. It wasn't," Spieth said. "It's the most incredible week of my life. This is as great as it gets in our sport.... I'm still kind of in shock a little bit."

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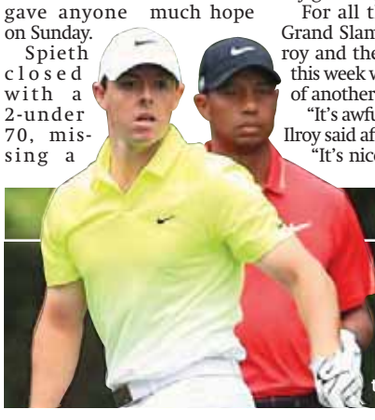
RECORD BOOK REWRITES

Jordan Spieth will keep the editors of the Masters record book busy. Among the marks he established this week:

- The 36-hole record at 14-under 130.
- The 54-hole record at 16-under 200.
- The most birdies for the tournament at 28.
- The lowest opening round by a champion at 64.
- The youngest player to lead after the opening round.



AUGUSTA EXTRA

Marquee pair lacks lustre

It's what everyone wanted to see — Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, teeing off together Sunday afternoon in a major. The problem was they were behind the lead by double digits.

McIlroy and Woods both needed historic rounds to overcome double-digit deficits and squandered a chance to get closer by missing short birdie putts at the easy second hole. Woods closed at 1-over 73 and McIlroy finished six shots back of Jordan Spieth at minus-12.

NHL

Leafs don't linger in clearing front office

Changes were inevitable for the Toronto Maple Leafs after their worst season in almost 20 years. President Brendan Shanahan didn't waste any time making them.

Nonis was fired with three years left on his contract after the Leafs went 30-44-8 to finish with 68 points, the fewest in an 82-game season since 1996-97.

Shanahan and players are set to address the media Monday afternoon at Air Canada Centre.

Toronto was in a playoff position in early January when Nonis announced the firing of coach Randy Carlyle and subsequently replaced him with Horachek. At the time, Nonis blamed inconsistency for the firing and said he is "never worried about" his own job security.

From Jan. 6 until the season ended Saturday night, the Leafs went 9-28-5 to finish 27th in the NHL. The only silver lining to that is a 9.5 per cent chance of winning the Connor McDavid draft lottery to jump-start the rebuilding effort.

Horachek's dismissal was expected. This is the second straight season he took over as interim coach (2013-14 with Florida Panthers) and was let go.

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"You know there's going to be change.
Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf after Toronto's season-ending loss to the Canadiens on Saturday night.

NBA

Westbrook's 54 can't save Thunder

Russell Westbrook scored a career-high 54 points Sunday night, but Indiana fended off his late charge for a critical 116-104 victory over Oklahoma City.

C.J. Miles matched his season high with 30 points to lead Indiana (37-43) to its fifth straight win and into a tie with Brooklyn for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East. The Nets own the tiebreaker.

The Thunder (43-37) lost for the fifth time in six games despite a near triple-double from Westbrook, who had nine rebounds and eight assists. Oklahoma City is tied with New Orleans for the No. 8 seed in the West.

Indiana never trailed in the second half, but Westbrook tied the score at 88 on a breakaway dunk with 7:55 to go.

The Pacers scored 12 straight points, but Westbrook's three-pointer with 1:19 left made it 106-103 before Indiana closed it out.

After posting a triple-double in the first game against the Pacers this season, Westbrook nearly did it again. He was 21 of 43 from the field, 5 of 15 on 3s and 7 of 11 from the free throw line. He had 22 points and four assists just in the first quarter.

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ON SUNDAY In Indiana

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IN BRIEF

Larin gets goal No. 1 in MLS

For his first Major League Soccer goal, Cyle Larin improvised. With his chest.

Orlando City's rookie striker from Brampton, Ont., bounced a shot into the goal in the 30th minute and the expansion Lions went on to beat the Portland Timbers 2-0 on Sunday.

"It's just instinct," Larin said. "You got to be able to finish with any part of your body."

Kaka added a goal on a penalty kick and former Portland goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts got his second shutout. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays attack O's in threes

Jose Bautista hit the last of Toronto's three home runs, and the Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-7 Sunday to complete a solid season-opening road trip.

Bautista's two-run drive in the eighth off Darren O'Day gave Toronto some room after the Orioles cut a five-run deficit to 8-7.

Dalton Pompey and Kevin Pillar also connected for the Blue Jays, who doubled their home-run total for the season. Toronto scored 23 runs in the three-game series, twice reaching double figures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Chicken Paella with Sausage, Shrimp and Mussels

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Directions

1. Dust the chicken with flour. In a large, hot skillet add oil and chicken. Brown the chicken on all sides. Set the chicken aside.

2. Respray the pan with cooking oil. Add the sausage and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from the pan and drain the fat. Set aside.

3. Wipe out the pan and respray. Cook the onions and garlic for 4 minutes. Stir in the bell peppers and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the rice and cook for 1 minute. Add the sausage, chicken stock, tomatoes, basil, oregano, bay leaf, saffron (if using), salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Cover, lower the heat to a simmer and cook for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. If the shrimp are large or jumbo, cut them in half. Add the shrimp, mussels and reserved chicken to the sausage mixture. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook for 5 minutes, or until the rice is soft and the mussels have opened. (If the rice begins to stick to the the bottom, add another ½ cup stock.) Garnish with parsley.

Ingredients

- 12 oz skinless boneless chicken breast (about 3 breasts), cubed
- 3 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 6 oz mild Italian sausage, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup short-grain arborio rice
- 2½ cups chicken stock
- 2 cups chopped plum tomatoes
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ tsp crumbled saffron threads (optional)
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 oz peeled and deveined shrimp
- 12 mussels, scrubbed and beards removed
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 407 • Protein 49 grams
- Carbohydrates 36 g • Fibre 3 g
- Total fat 7.3 g • Saturated fat 2.2 g
- Cholesterol 139 g • Sodium 624 mg

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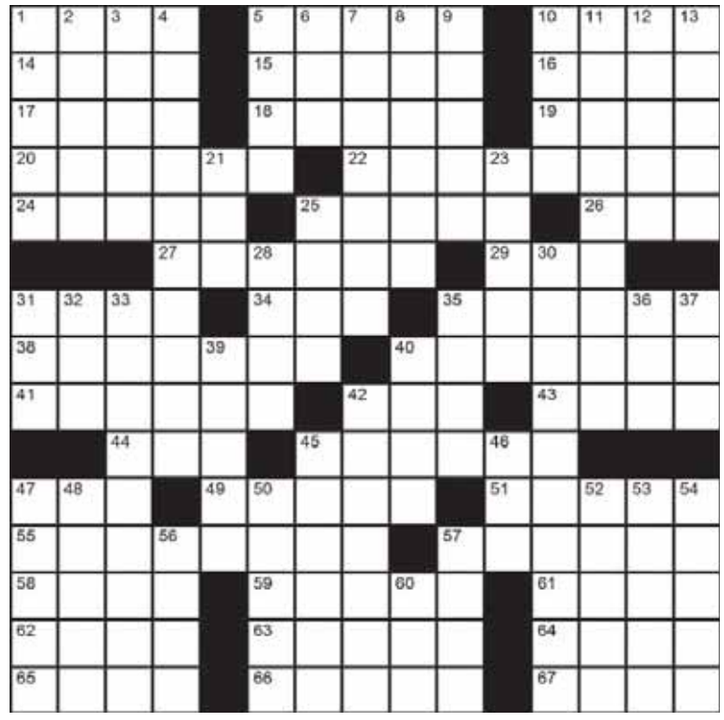

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16. Origin
17. Current novel by Marilynne Robinson
18. 1964 British Invasion reaction
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20. Earthquakes
22. Jeans brand
24. _ male
25. Sheriff-organized group
26. Mr. Holbrook
27. 2007 to 2012 Canadian sitcom, "Little _ on the Prairie"
29. Air hero
31. Shark sort
34. Flub
35. Workers, informally
38. Fancy shirts
40. Mischievous creature of folklore
41. Lawn care brand
42. Game: French
43. "..._ _ my Annabel Lee..." - Edgar Allan Poe
44. Repeated-word dance
45. HS class: 2 wds.
47. Watering hole
49. Toyota hybrid car
51. Intimidate an opponent, _ out
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57. Ms. Hewitt, portrayer of Rayyan Hamoudi on #27-Across
58. _ blue
59. New Edition's "Cool _ _"
61. Baseball figs.
62. Actress Ms. Philipps
63. _ Lumpur, Malaysia
64. "_ _ you can't guess..."
65. Sailed expanses
66. "It's Your Thing" by The _ Brothers
67. Cut back

DOWN

1. Wood variety
2. Projecting window
3. Ottawa bloomer
4. "Walkin' on the Sun": 1997 hit for what American band?: 2 wds.
5. NFL team model Coco
6. US teeth docs org.
7. Montreal greeting
8. Song-like
9. Ozzy Osbourne's "No More _"
10. Region
11. California music festival
12. Canadian
13. Wife of President Kennedy's brother Bobby
21. Psychedelic suit jacket
23. "The Wreck of the Mary _" (1959)
25. O thru T letters
28. Spots
30. For Better or for Worse: 2 wds.
31. "Haven't Met You Yet" singer ...his initials-sharers
32. Tavern fare, briefly
33. Lake _ (Dam-created reservoir on the BC/Montana border)
35. "Charmed" sister
36. German article
37. Noise [abbr.]
39. Creed frontman Scott
40. Tiara gleamers
42. Quebec newspaper, Le _ de Montreal
45. Break
46. Prefix to 'centre'
47. Medicine cabinet items
48. Stir, as curiosity
50. Flow-of-energy therapy
52. Elated sound for cartoon guy Fred!
53. Ye olde town announcer
54. Hurriedness
56. Articulates
57. Influence opinion
60. Grand _ Opry

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your passion for an issue or cause of some kind will inspire you to give of your best today. You certainly won't give ground to those you disagree with so strongly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The Sun in Aries at this time of year tends to bring forth self-doubt but the good news is that the Sun will be moving into your sign in a week's time and then your confidence will return.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you want to make a difference in the world then you must push your ego to one side and learn to work with other people. You can't do it all on your own.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to be too cynical about what is going on around you. Some people can be so negative in the way they look at the world but there is no reason why you should join them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A week from now the Sun moves into the career area of your chart, so start making plans about how you want things to develop on the work front.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Other people cannot give you success and security – these are things that only you can bring into your life. What happens today will give you the chance to question if you are on the right track.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It may be time to get yourself free of a relationship that used to hold you up but is now holding you back. Only you can choose what your next step is going to be but be decisive.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your enthusiasm for your work and for life in general will impress important people today. As far as you are concerned, a job worth doing is a job worth doing well but if others want to praise you for it you're not going to complain.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your powers of persuasion are at a peak and somehow you will know just what to say and just how to say it for maximum effect. Whatever you want over the next few days you will get.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to attach too much importance to what you hear from a friend or work colleague today because there is every chance they don't know what they are talking about.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your attitude towards a belief or opinion you had previously dismissed as ridiculous will change over the next 24 hours. Something will happen to make you wonder if maybe it was you who got it wrong. You're not infallible after all.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What those around you say is going on may not be what is really going on, so use your Pisces powers of perception to find out what the true story is.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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